

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-2, 4-11, 13-15, 17 and 19-20 are active in the present application. Claims 3, 12, 16 and 18 are cancelled claims. Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of Claim 18. Claims 2, 11, 15, 19 and 20 are now written in independent form.

No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank Examiner Shosho for indicating that Claims 2, 11, and 18-20 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of Claim 18. Claim 2, 11, 15, 19 and 20 are rewritten in independent form. Claim 15 is further amended to correct a clerical error.

Applicants request the Office withdraw the rejection and allow all now-pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

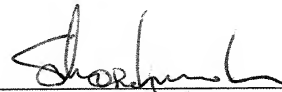
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